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## AN ACT

To provide for the conveyance to the Utrok Atoll local government of a decommissioned National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration ship, and for other purposes.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **TITLE I—UTROK ATOLL RADIO-**  
2 **LOGICAL MONITORING SUP-**  
3 **PORT**

4 **SEC. 101. UTROK ATOLL RADIOLOGICAL MONITORING SUP-**  
5 **PORT.**

6 (a) In support of radiological monitoring, rehabilita-  
7 tion, and resettlement of Utrok Atoll, whose residents  
8 were affected by United States nuclear testing, the Sec-  
9 retary of Commerce may convey to the Utrok Atoll local  
10 government without consideration, all right, title, and in-  
11 terest of the United States in and to a decommissioned  
12 National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration ship in  
13 operable condition.

14 (b) The Government of the United States shall not  
15 be responsible or liable for any maintenance or operation  
16 of a vessel conveyed under this section after the date of  
17 the delivery of the vessel to Utrok.

18 **TITLE II—RATIFICATION OF**  
19 **CERTAIN NOAA APPOINT-**  
20 **MENTS, PROMOTIONS, AND**  
21 **ACTIONS**

22 **SEC. 201. RATIFICATION OF CERTAIN NOAA APPOINT-**  
23 **MENTS, PROMOTIONS, AND ACTIONS.**

24 All action in the line of duty by, and all Federal agen-  
25 cy actions in relation to (including with respect to pay,

1 benefits, and retirement) a de facto officer of the commis-  
 2 sioned corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Ad-  
 3 ministration who was appointed or promoted to that office  
 4 without Presidential action, and without the advice and  
 5 consent of the Senate, during such time as the officer was  
 6 not properly appointed in or promoted to that office, are  
 7 hereby ratified and approved if otherwise in accord with  
 8 the law, and the President alone may, without regard to  
 9 any other law relating to appointments or promotions in  
 10 such corps, appoint or promote such a de facto officer tem-  
 11 porarily, without change in the grade currently occupied  
 12 in a de facto capacity, as an officer in such corps for a  
 13 period ending not later than 180 days from the date of  
 14 enactment of this Act.

## 15 **TITLE III—INTERNATIONAL** 16 **FISHERIES REAUTHORIZATION**

### 17 **SEC. 301. SHORT TITLE.**

18 This title may be cited as the “International Fish-  
 19 eries Reauthorization Act of 2003”.

### 20 **SEC. 302. EXTENSION OF PERIOD FOR REIMBURSEMENT**

21 **UNDER FISHERMEN’S PROTECTIVE ACT OF**  
 22 **1967.**

23 Section 7(e) of the Fishermen’s Protective Act of  
 24 1967 (22 U.S.C. 1977(e)) is amended by striking “2003”  
 25 and inserting “2008”.

1 **SEC. 303. REAUTHORIZATION OF YUKON RIVER SALMON**  
2 **ACT OF 2000.**

3 Section 208 of the Yukon River Salmon Act of 2000  
4 (16 U.S.C. 5727) is amended by striking “2000” and all  
5 that follows through “2003” and inserting “2004 through  
6 2008”.

Passed the House of Representatives November 21,  
2003.

Attest:

JEFF TRANDAHL,  
*Clerk.*